

Altmire secured funding in federal budget to help Accipiter Systems, Inc. develop new data communications technology for U.S. Army

(Wexford, PA) – Today, U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) presented Accipiter Systems, Inc. with \$1 million in federal funding to research and develop the next generation of light-weight data communications systems for the U.S. Army. Altmire secured this funding in the FY 2008 Department of Defense Appropriations bill (H.R. 3222) to help Accipiter Systems, Inc. devise this new technology for the U.S. Army and create jobs for the local economy.

“As a Congressman, one of my top priorities is working with local businesses to bolster western Pennsylvania’s economy,” Altmire said. **“The funding I secured for Accipiter System, Inc. will help this local business create more high-tech jobs for our area and cut costs for the U.S. Army by improving the portability of its communications equipment. Bringing cutting edge research and development projects to the 4th District is an important part of strengthening our region’s identity as a center for high-tech innovation.”**

The new light-weight data communications system being developed by Accipiter Systems, Inc. will help to reduce the amount of space needed to house servers that store electronic data and improve the efficiency at which information is exchanged. Given the U.S. Army’s need to transfer equipment around the world, these advancements will greatly improve the portability of data systems and lower the costs of transporting them.

“Congressman Altmire’s actions show his commitment to economic development in southwestern Pennsylvania. His attention to small business as a force for economic development is making a difference in our community,” Dan Flynn, President / CEO of Accipiter Systems, Inc. said. **“Through experience and skillful leadership, he has enabled small businesses such as ours to create jobs in the area. Accipiter Systems has added three high-tech jobs recently and expects to add additional jobs in the coming months as a direct result of the Congressman’s efforts.”**